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SUBJECT: AD-70, MEETING OF EWG

SUMMARY: EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP ON MAR 22 CONFIRMED THAT IT WOULD APPROACH ITS TASK OF REVIEW OF NATO DEFENSE PROGRAMS IN TWO PHASES (REVIEW OF PROGRAM REPORTS, PREPARATION OF CONCLUSIONS AS TO BALANCE IN OVERALL DEFENSE PROGRAM AND PROGRESS IN EACH) AND AGREED THAT FINAL REPORT TO MINS IN JUNE SHOULD NOTE PROGRESS AS WELL AS AREAS FOR INCREASED EFFORT. FIRST MEETING REVIEWED PROGRAM REPORTS ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT (AC-281- REPORT(73)2) AND COMMUNICATIONS (AC/28- REPORT(73)3). END SUMMARY

1. AC/281- REPORT(73)2, CRISIS MANAGEMENT. CANADIAN, GREEK, GERMAN, UK, NORWEGIAN, MC AND MNC REPS EXPRESSED GENERAL SATISFACTION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE DOCUMENT. AFTER PRELIMINARY COMPLIMENTARY REMARKS, US REP, REFERRING TO PARA 13(E) ON SURVIVABILITY OF THE NATO HQ, REQUESTED THAT REF TO NEED FOR LIMITED FUNDS FOR PRELIMINARY SITE INVESTIGATION NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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MINS, SINCE IT IS PREMATURE TO ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN MINISTERIAL ENDORSEMENT OF THE NEED FOR FUNDS UNTIL STUDIES

BY THE COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND EXERCISE COMMITTEE AND THE POLITICAL COMMITTEE ARE COMPLETED. IS REP (VINCENT) ARGUED THAT THE COUNCIL HAD PREVIOUSLY BLESSED THE NEED FOR FUNDS. (COMMENT: VINCENT' S STATEMENT IS INACCURATE AND REFLECTS YET ANOTHER ATTEMPT ON THE PART OF COEC CHAIRMAN MACBRIEN TO PUSH THROUGH HIS CONCEPT OF SURVIVABILITY; I. E., CONSTRUCTION OF AN EXPENSIVE, HARDENED, STATIC SITE. FOR THE ACTUAL COUNCIL DECISION ON THIS MATTER, SEE PARAS 6 AND 8(2), C- R(72)5 AND PARA 26(5), C- M(71)76(2 ND REVISE). QUINLAN (UK) AGREED TO DELETION OF REFERENCE TO LIMITED FUNDS BUT URGED THAT REPORT HIGHLIGHT TO MINS THE ANOMALY THAT EVERE HQS ALONE AMONG ALL NATO HQS IS NOT YET SCHEDULED FOR A HARDENED SITE.

2. AC/281- REPORT(73)3 - REPORT ON COMMUNICATIONS. LED BY PREDERGAST (US) A CONSENSUS RAPIDLY DEVELOPED THAT THE REPORT LACKED SUFFICIENT DETAIL AND COMPREHENSION ON WHICH TO BUILD A FINAL REPORT TO MINS. PARTICULAR POINTS NOTED WERE A COMPLETE ABSENCE OF ANY DISCUSSION ON TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS REQUIREMENTS AS WELL AS ANY INFORMATION OF THE TYPE INCLUDED IN THE FIRST ANNUAL REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, NICSMA' S (NICSMA- D/23 - FEB 14, 1973) ON THE CURRENT STATE OF PROPOSED NICS AND NICS- RELATED PROJECTS, THE FORECAST WORK PROGRAM FOR COMMUNICATIONS IN 1973 AND GENERAL CONCLUSIONS WHICH WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO MINS. IT WAS AGREED TO EXPAND THE COMMUNICATIONS REPORT IN LIGHT OF COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND RESUBMIT TO EWG FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION.

3. NEXT MEETING OF EWG IS NOW SCHEDULED FOR MAR 27 AT WHICH REPORTS ON INFRASTRUCTURE, CIVIL PREPAREDNESS, COOPERATION IN LOGISTICS AND SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF THE NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN FLANKS WILL BE DISCUSSED (SEE SEPTTEL).
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